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## Something wacky this way comes



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

*Business as usual came to a halt on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's campus on Monday, Oct. 31, as young monsters, superheroes and princesses flooded the halls of office buildings in search of candy. For more photos, see pages 9 – 11.*

## 16 candidates vying for votes in general election

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

In the largest general election in years, five Southern Ute tribal members are in the running for the chairmanship and 11 more for two additional seats on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

Voting day is Nov. 4. Ballots will be accepted at the SunUte Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Competing for the chairman's position are Renee J. Cloud, incumbent Pearl E. Casias, Kevin R. Frost, Clement J. Frost and Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

The candidates for the two open council seats are Ian D. Thompson, Andrew C. Frost, Steve R. Herrera Sr., Shelly L. Thompson, Vida B. Peabody, Barbara Scott-Rarick, incumbent Marge Borst, Vicenti (Vince) Mirabal, incumbent Alex Cloud, Pathimi GoodTracks and Aaron V. Torres.

The chairman candidates gathered for a Meet the Candidates Night at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in which they each introduced their platform and later took questions from the audience. The council candidates participated in a similar forum on Monday, Oct. 31.

Tribal-member employment was a hot topic at both events, with virtually every candidate saying the status quo is unacceptable and the council should act to make more tribal government jobs available to tribal members.

Health care, education, fiscal prosperity, housing, and retention of Ute culture and language were also widely discussed.

Among the chairman candidates, Renee Cloud said the tribe's leaders should be focused on tribal members' concerns, not their own. She said she's willing to research any issues affecting tribal members, and would push the council to move forward with new ideas.

Kevin Frost said he would look at restructuring the tribal organization to reduce personnel and slim down the budget. He also proposed better training for tribal members

and removing the requirement for a valid driver license from jobs that don't require driving.

With the right policies in place, Frost said, the tribal government could employ 80 percent tribal members within 15 years.

Clement Frost said he believes the tribe is in good financial shape relative to the rest of the U.S. economy. He said the financial plan is working well despite the outside recession. He proposed to bring back regular focus groups in which tribal members can share their ideas and concerns with the council.

Newton, who resigned from his seat on the council earlier this year to run for chairman, said tribal leadership must be diligent in protecting the tribe's right to self-governance. He also said equally as important as hiring tribal members is helping them to stay in their jobs, and that the council should bring back a priority list to guide its actions.

Casias said housing, education and employment would among be her top priorities going forward. She said she wants to see more tribal members participating in internships with tribal departments. Casias said her vision of leadership is listening to the people and following guidelines established by past tribal leaders.

Questions asked by attendees shed light on more specific areas of policy. When asked about whom he would choose as an executive officer, Kevin Frost said he would consider eliminating the position.

"As chair, I feel we have to get our hands dirty," he said. "An XO is too often used as a buffer, a scapegoat, when things go wrong."

Newton said he would seek someone who exhibits openness, compassion, and a willingness to work with the people without pushing his or her own agenda. Clement Frost said knowledge of culture and tradition would be a foremost requirement.

Among candidates for the council seats, much of the discussions centered around similar issues.

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## Miss Southern Ute crowned



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

*The Southern Ute Indian Tribe welcomed a new Miss Southern Ute and first alternate at the Health and Wellness Powwow on Saturday, Oct. 29. Assuming the crown, which went uncontested during the regular royalty pageant in September, is Brianna Goodtracks-Alires; her first alternate is Suzi Richards. The two will represent the tribe at events across the nation in the coming year.*

## Growth Fund looks more toward oil

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Managers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund said in a general meeting with tribal members on Friday, Oct. 21 the organization is looking away from natural gas and toward oil for higher returns in coming years.

Executive Director Bruce Valdez said oil has made a better recovery than gas since the low point of the recession.

"As a Growth Fund, we've switched gears," he said. "That's one of the reasons we predict we're going to have some good future years coming up."

Natural gas production peaked on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in 2000 and has been declining since — a critical factor in the initial for-

mation of the Growth Fund. A transition toward oil means the organization is positioned for a record year in 2013, Valdez said — assuming there are no surprises forthcoming in oil pricing.

"As long as we see consistent oil pricing and good oil pricing, then we're going to do well as a Growth Fund," he said.

Valdez conceded that the energy sector can be volatile, with oil prices fluctuating from nearly \$134 per barrel in June 2008 to a low of \$3 in September 2009.

But oil has come back stronger than gas lately, with current oil prices hovering between \$75 and \$110 per

barrel.

Since roughly 89 percent of Growth Fund revenue comes from oil and gas sales, its success is heavily dependent on being able to sell at high prices.

Valdez said there's currently little drilling occurring on the reservation. Instead, drilling has picked up in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, especially for oil, he said.

One potential bright spot in the Growth Fund's near future is offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. After the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April 2010, the federal government placed a moratorium on drilling; that's since been lifted, and the Growth Fund is "back actively working that area again," Valdez said.

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## Richards returns to Tribal Council

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Howard D. Richards Sr. will return to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council to fill the vacated seat of former Councilman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

Richards will serve out the remainder of Newton's term — roughly one year — after winning the tribe's Nov. 1 special election handily, taking in 40.8 percent of votes cast. Elise V. Redd won the second-most votes with 25.3 percent, while Byron Frost and Corliss M. Taylor took 17.9 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

A total of 375 votes were cast in the special election.

Richards' election marks his first return to the council since 2002 – 2004, when he served as chairman. He was first elected as a councilman in 1991.

"I felt that this Tribal Council needed assistance in making decisions as this tribe moves forward into the future," he said following a swearing-in ceremony in the Council Chambers. "I'm here to help this council move change."

He conceded that one year isn't a long time, but pledged to work to improve services to tribal members.

"You, the membership, deserve better than what you're getting today," he said.

Richards said he planned to address duplication of services among departments, the direction of the Tribal Court, and unnecessary "pork" spending in the budget. The habit of the government to waste money is going to stop, he said.

"We can do more with less, and we need to do more with less," he said. "There's one employee for every tribal member, so what do [you] get out of it?"

Going into the election, Richards had campaigned on a platform of developing a health care plan for tribal members, scrutinizing the growth of tribal administration, and developing a clear vision for helping tribal members become more educated. He also called for better planning for housing and use of the tribe's natural resources.

Vice Chairman Mike Olguin said Richards' experience makes the council a stronger body overall.

"It's going to be very exciting moving forward, knowing that today we bring a lot of strength to our council," he said.

Council Lady Marge Borst welcomed the presence of a U.S. veteran to the council, while Council Lady Ramona Eagle said Richards' experience and wisdom would be a boon.

Chairman Pearl E. Casias, who served as vice chairman under Richards, said she was pleased to have the opportunity to work together again.

"We have had a very long professional relationship," she said.

Richards pledged that when his term expires, he will not seek a severance package from the tribe.

Robert L. Ortiz contributed to this report.





News in brief

IGNACIO

All dancers welcome

Native American Youth Organization will be hosting its second annual powwow on Friday, Nov. 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Ignacio High School gym. If interested, please call Darlene Frost at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620, or Dr. Stacey Oberly, culture director, at 970-563-0100, ext. 2306.

Relay For Life hosting crafts fair Nov. 5

Ignacio schools Relay For Life team is hosting a ‘Curing Cancer With Crafts’ craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Ignacio High School. Booth space will be available for \$10 (1 round table included, if needed). If you are interested in reserving a booth or for more information, please contact Deb at 970-382-8754 or Kelly at 970-884-0247.

SUPD offering reward for stolen guns

The Southern Ute Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for the return of two stolen firearms or information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The first is a German drilling gun, which is a triple-barrel rifle and shotgun combination with two side-by-side 16-gauge barrels and a single 8x57R rifle barrel. The second is a .38 Special snub nose revolver. The firearms were stolen during a burglary of a residence on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation sometime between May 27 and June 11. If you have any information, please call Detective Luke Austin of the Southern Ute Police Department Investigations Bureau at 970-563-4942.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe’s ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

PRCLC offering sculpting class Nov. 5 and 6

Pine River Community Learning Center is offering a sculpting class on Nov. 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ignacio campus at 535 Candelaria Drive. Stephen Wolff will work with individuals at their skill level. View Wolff’s work at [www.stephenwolffsculpture.com](http://www.stephenwolffsculpture.com). Call Deb Pace 970-563-0681 to register.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Attention: Agricultural land managers

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for 2012 cost-share program. The cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing best management practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and riparian protection and improvements. Majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore and protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information. Deadline is Nov. 4.

Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238 or [pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us) or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710 or [mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us) to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

DURANGO

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor’s degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

The Color Guard, made up primarily of members from the Southern Ute Veterans Association, stands at attention at the start of a forum on terrorism and military response to terrorism on Oct. 24, 2001. Many of the veterans remained to listen to and take part in the discussions that followed. The forum was sponsored by the American Indian Business leaders organization at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

This photo first appeared in the November 2, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

Past and present Tribal Council members were among 1,000 people who attended the Animas-La Plata Project groundbreaking ceremonies at the Animas Air Park. Charley John, chief of staff to Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah, told the crowd that the Navajos had signed a memorandum of understanding, thereby removing one of the major obstacles of the project. The Navajos had been reluctant to sign the agreement for fear that their own water project would be put on the back burner. The project would provide water to four Indian tribes and residents of Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

This photo first appeared in the November 4, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

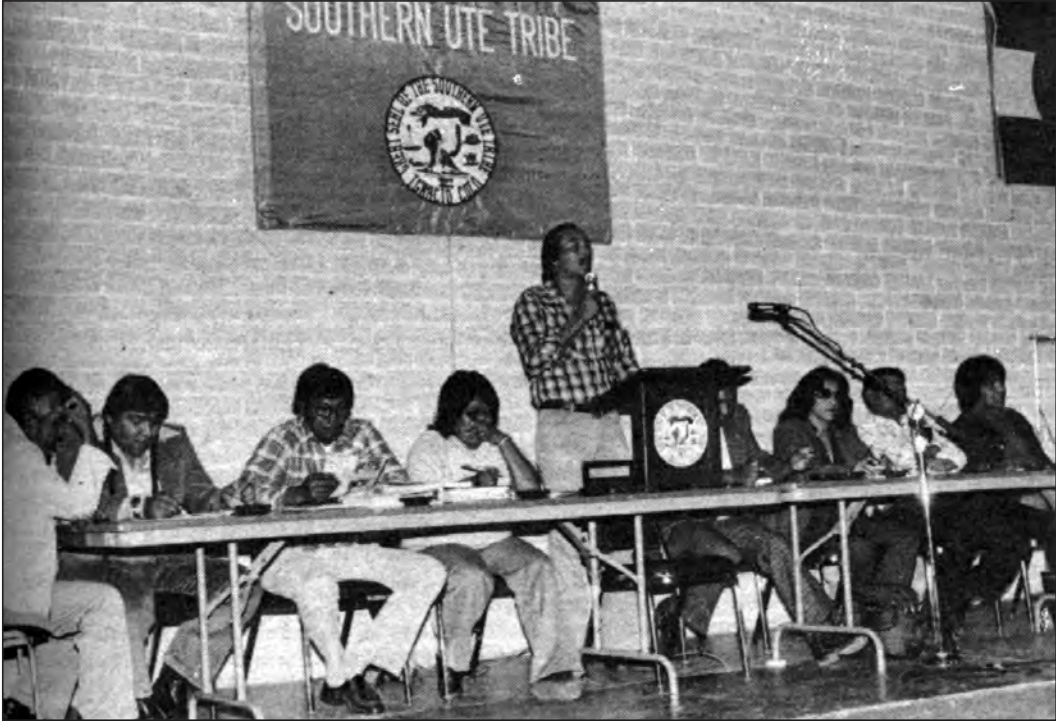


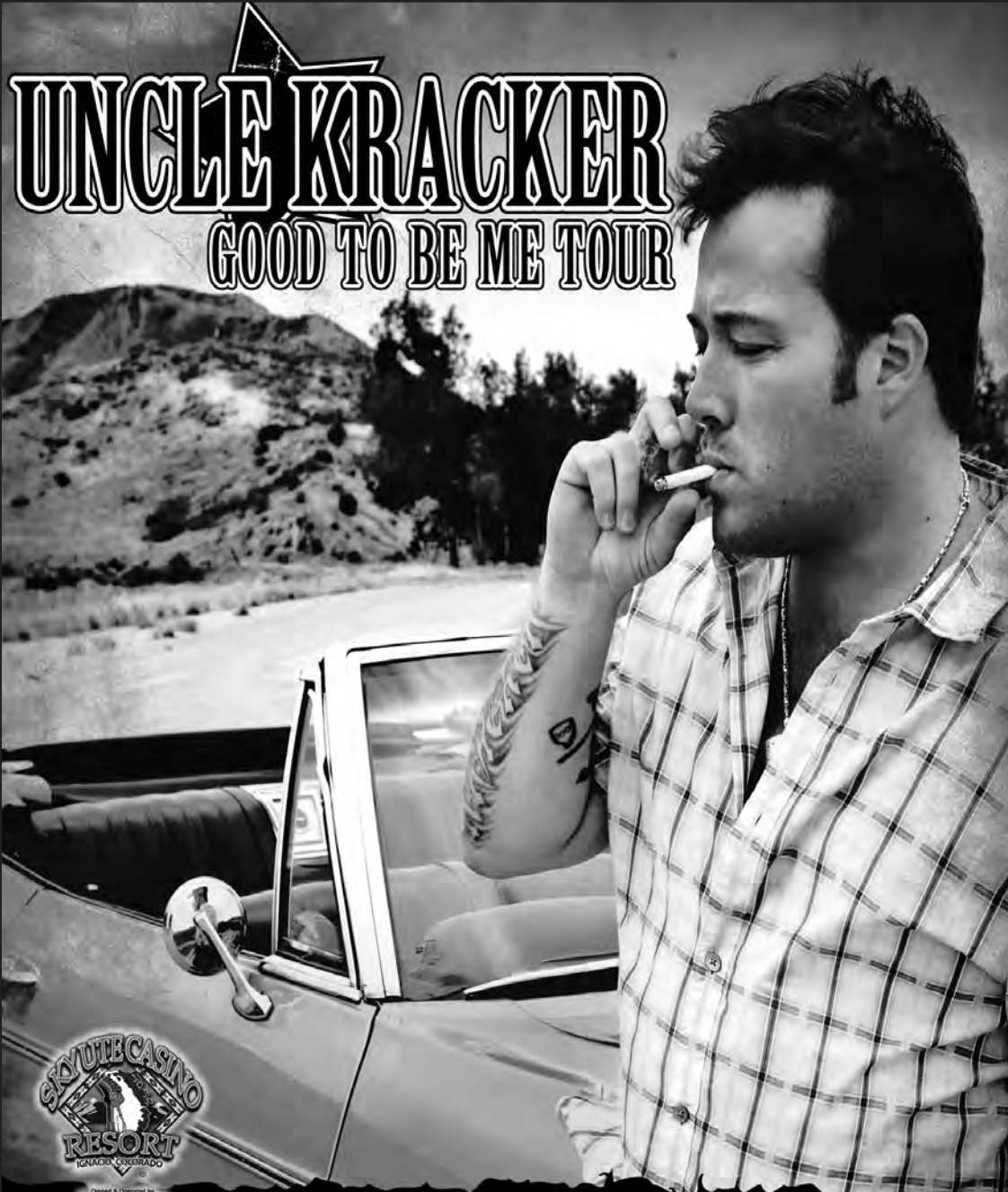
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30 Years Ago

Meet the Candidates Night took place on November 3, 1981. Nine candidates who were running for positions of Tribal Council, three for the seat of chairman and six for council, each gave a short talk on their positions. Pictured (left to right): John E. Baker Sr., Kenny Frost, Erwin Taylor, Lorraine Baker, Master of ceremonies Marvin Cook, Neil Cloud, Alberta Velasquez, Chris Baker and Clement Frost.

This photo first appeared in the November 6, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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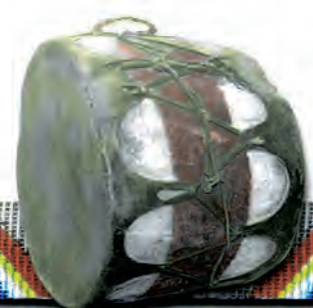
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Southern Ute Tribal  
offices will be closed,  
Friday, Nov. 11  
in observance of  
Veterans Day

Correction

In the Oct. 21 issue of the Drum, for Bobcat of the Month, Mamie-Ruth Burch was incorrectly identified as Ruth Burch. Her name is Mamie-Ruth Burch, named after her grandmothers.





## Tribal elders discuss concerns



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

**S**outhern Ute tribal elder Dixie Naranjo called together supervisors from various departments to discuss issues relevant to tribal elders at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Among those who spoke was Mel Baker, director of Tribal Housing, who addressed concerns such as wood delivery, gas leaks and snow removal.

"One of the shortfalls is the funding that is available," Baker said, adding that "communication is key."

Edward Box III, cultural coordinator for the Sky Ute Casino Resort, covered tribal member employment and culture concerns.

"I think it's important that tribal members get involved in committees," said tribal elder Evelyn Russell.

Also addressing community involvement, Arlene Millich further said "We as elders need to take more responsibility to teach."

Dale White, director of Tribal Services, offered input on social services, covering food distribution, vocational rehabilitation, emergency family services, and elders services, including travel budgets for events.



*Southern Ute tribal elders met at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, Oct. 25 to discuss issues relevant to the tribe's more seasoned members. They heard from staffers on issues such as housing, health and social services.*

Tom Duran, director of the Department of Tribal Member Health Benefits, and Mirielle Begay, health services manager, concluded the informational session.

Begay said her primary direction is to "improve community-based health services."

Duran asked attendees what level of health services the tribe wants, a question he said was necessary for discussions about building a new Health Center.



## Touring the museum



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Michael Sozan, chief of staff for Mark Udall, and Wanda Cason, regional director, were given a personal tour of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum by Lynn Brittner and Nathan Strong Elk on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

## Southern Ute Language Class 101



- Learn to read and write the Ute language
- Learn to speak the Ute language
- Language fluency taught by Tribal elders
- Instruction by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo

**Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum**

**Wednesdays, 6 – 8 p.m.**

**This an on-going class and will meet for 12-15 weeks.**

For more information, call Dr. Stacey Oberly at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-9583 or Dedra White at 307-349-4035

*Provided by the Southern Ute Cultural Department*



## Ute Language

**chūki'napü** - flag

**kwasigaachog'opü** - war bonnet

**tawakanikapü** - War Dance

*Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.*

## Powwow Trails

### SIPI 40th Anniversary Powwow

Nov. 5

9169 Coors Blvd NW • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Cece Cometsevah

Phone: 505-346-2319

### Colorado State University Powwow

Nov. 5

451 Isotope Dr. • Fort Collins, CO

Contact: Delbert Willie

Phone: 970-310-4836

Email: csuaises@yahoo.com

Web: [www.engr.colostate.edu/aises/index.html](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/aises/index.html)

### Utah Valley University Powwow

Nov. 11 – 12

800 West University Parkway • Orem, UT

Contact: Ken Sekaquaptewa

Phone: 801-863-7276

Email: [Ken.Sekaquaptewa@uvu.edu](mailto:Ken.Sekaquaptewa@uvu.edu)

## Southern Ute Veterans Pow Wow

Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, CO

November 5, 2011



Head Gourd Dancer

Raymond Price

Gourd Dancing 1pm to 5pm

Supper Break 5pm

Grand Entry 7pm

Specials:

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Drum Group from the Farthest Away

Vendor from the Farthest Away

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AD Daniel Cesspooch

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Red Spirit

Southern Drum

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Invited Drum

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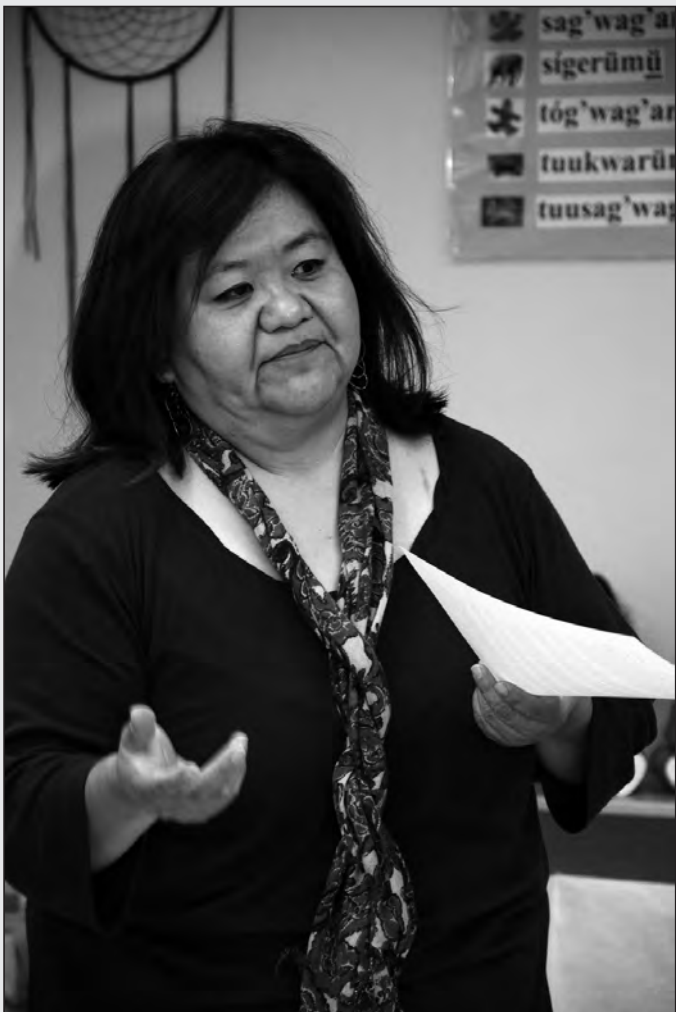
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our Nation's Veterans

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*SUIMA mock election*



Students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy had a chance to make their voices heard on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in a mock election. The students learned about the election process from the Southern Ute Election Board, then cast votes for the candidates running in the real-life elections in November.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

**Southern Ute Education Department**  
*Southern Ute tribal students of the month*

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

**Ellie Seibel (Tusagwawichitachi)**  
8th grade, Ignacio Jr. High School

Parents: Melanie and Shane Seibel.  
Favorite subjects: Everything, I enjoy each subject. I like participating in drama, cooking, art, prep basketball, volleyball and track.  
In addition, I want to become a famous athlete or pastry chef.  
I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month of November because all the teachers feel that I have a great attitude and thrive for success.  
“I think that getting this award is a great achievement to show how good I’m doing in school. I was the Little Miss Southern Ute 2007-2008, and always got comments of how clear and informative my voice was, even when I was little. Thanks to my teachers and family who make me who I am today!”



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

**Mariah Vigil**  
11th grade, Ignacio High School

Parents: Joe and Joyce Vigil.  
Favorite subjects: Spanish, history and math. I like participating in sports such as basketball and volleyball.  
In addition, I want to attend college.  
I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month of November because of my achievement, good attendance, and positive behavior in the classroom.

*Demystifying college*



photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

Walter Howe, distance learning coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, speaks with a group of students at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Representatives of local educational groups and colleges stopped by to talk with juniors and seniors about higher education during the third annual event.

**Education update**

**November, December and January classes for Tribal members**  
**Thanksgiving Turkey and Stuffing Class:** Wednesday, Nov. 16. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Kitchen. Participants will learn to season, prepare, stuff and cook a turkey. We will use tribal member best recipes. Participants should bring a side dish, as we will have a thanksgiving dinner. A drawing will be held for the turkey we cook in class.  
**Christmas Cards and Holiday Greeting Stockings:** Saturday, Dec. 10. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will make a greeting card Christmas stocking, Season greetings cards, and snack bag, using paper cutters, chalks, stamps and ink. This is an introduction to paper crafts for scrapbooking.  
**Scrapbooking:** Saturday Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrap booking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc.  
Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or both classes.

**Education announces GED test dates**  
The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

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3rd Anniversary

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Be sure to play the slots at Sky Ute Casino this October and November and you will earn entry tickets for your chance to win BIG for Sky Ute Casino Resort's 3rd Anniversary! For every 100 points you earn you will earn 1 entry ticket. Then, on Saturday, December 10 we will draw one name each hour from Noon until 9 p.m. and those lucky winners will become finalists for the grand prize! Immediately following the 9 p.m. finalist drawing, all 10 finalists will gather at the Player's Center, but only one will become the grand prize winner!

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## 16 candidates vying for votes • from page 1

Ian Thompson said the main reason he decided to run was to change the personnel policy to open employment to more tribal members. He pledged to bring specific plans, rather than vague promises, to the office if elected.

Herrera said communication and transparency must be improved, including increased scrutiny of Growth Fund activities. He proposed tracking of official votes by council members and a time clock to make leaders more accountable to the membership.

Andrew Frost promised to be the council member who would serve the many, not the few, and to do whatever it takes to get the job done. He said he viewed a Tribal Council seat as service to the membership rather than a job.

Shelly Thompson said downsizing is needed within the tribal government, and that tribal members should receive more consideration for open jobs. During a year and a half of applying for every open job, she was called for two interviews, she said. She also noted the disparity of services available between tribal members living on the reservation and those who don't.

Peabody said she would live the tribal Constitution to the letter in its requirement that council members attend all duly called meetings. She cited her experience as a past council member and vice

chairman and said serving tribal members on the council is "the only work that I know how to do."

Scott-Rarick's opening statement was simple: "My platform is that I come to work and I read my documents." She questioned decisions of the tribal council, such as converting the planned youth treatment center into a detention center and later into offices, asking how such decisions benefit tribal members.

Mirabal said the council needs someone who understands business principles and the role of the financial plan. He said if elected, he would re-examine many of the tribe's policies on hiring, compensation, and other topics.

GoodTracks said the opportunity to vote is the chance to change the future of the tribe, and invited tribal members to voice their desire for change at the polls. She said the purpose of the tribal government should be to protect sovereignty and provide for the membership.

Torres said he supports an open-door policy and would show up to meetings to listen to tribal members' concerns. The tribal government needs to increase transparency and eliminate waste, he said. He also called for more youth participation in government and voting.

Borst said if re-elected, she will continue to be a protector, leader

and decision maker for tribal members. She said the council should offer more listening sessions to tribal members. She also proposed new job training and development programs for tribal members.

The other incumbent in the race, Alex Cloud, said there are several existing processes that are unfair to tribal members, including hiring and the Tribal Court, into which he would look. He said the council should do a better job of telling tribal members right away when important issues come up.

Tribal member Shane Seibel asked each candidate what they would invest in if each given one shot to do something.

The answers fell all over the board: Ian Thompson said Ute language and culture; Andrew Frost said land; Peabody said the buffalo herd; Mirabal said he would research financial advisors and hire the best company; Herrera said he would perform an overall review and purchase technological improvements; GoodTracks said the fundamentals the tribe would need if its money disappeared; Borst said seeds for a community garden; Shelly Thompson and Scott-Rarick said the money should be invested in tribal youth; and Torres and Alex Cloud both said they'd disperse the money to tribal members to make their own investments.

## The Kidney Corner:

### Some medicines can cause kidney damage

By Dr. Mark Saddler

Durango Nephrology Associates

In the last edition of the Kidney Corner, we discussed non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, which are pain medications that can harm the kidneys in some circumstances.

There are many other types of medicines that have the potential to cause problems with the kidneys and we will discuss some of them in this issue.

One potential problem is phosphate-containing bowel preps. These are typically used to cleanse the bowel before bowel procedures including colonoscopy. These medicines are usually given orally as a bottle of liquid to be taken before the procedure, though there are tablet forms of phosphate laxatives and enema preparations as well.

We used to think these were safe medicines that didn't cause problems. However, in the last few years it has become apparent that some patients who take phosphate-containing bowel preps may develop acute kidney failure after taking the phosphate bowel prep, and this kidney failure can be permanent. Patients particularly at risk include those with hypertension and with previous chronic kidney disease.

The problem results from deposits of the phosphate in the kidney tissue. Fortunately, there are alternative bowel preps which work well (for example, "Golytely" and "Moviprep") that



are safe from the kidney point of view.

Check with your doctor if you have any questions about the safety of a bowel prep. And don't be put off doing a colonoscopy if your provider recommends it: This is still a potentially life-saving procedure to screen for colon cancer.

Intravenous contrast agents are another group of medicines that frequently cause acute kidney injury. They are used for some sorts of X-ray and CT scan studies to improve the quality of the imaging. They are very useful and can improve diagnostic accuracy.

In occasional cases, however, they can result in a decrease in kidney function. This only tends to happen in patients who have underlying kidney disease or diabetes and protective measures can be taken to help prevent kidney problems: intravenous fluids and a bad-tasting oral medicine called n-acetyl cysteine or Mucomyst.

As kidney doctors, we are always happy to be called to help provide protection to prevent kidney damage from this source. Fortunately, kidney function usually subsequently improves following injury from IV contrast.

Many other types of medicines can cause kidney problems. Remember, though, that this does not mean that they are "bad" medicines. In all medical decisions, we are faced with deciding the risks versus the benefits of treatment. It's difficult to predict which patient will respond well to a given medicine, and who will have an adverse reaction.

Even some medicines which are given specifically to help the kidney function can occasionally actually worsen the kidney function in some susceptible people. One possible medication-related problem is a kind of allergy called "acute interstitial nephritis" (AIN), which can cause kidney failure.

This can happen with almost any medicine, though some cause AIN more frequently than others. Antibiotics are frequent offenders, and some over-the-counter antacid medications can occasionally cause this problem. The diagnosis can be difficult and may require a kidney biopsy.

Fortunately, this problem is often reversible, but needs to be recognized as early as possible to provide the best chance for good kidney recovery.

## Tribal Code changes in works to reflect Tribal Law and Order Act

By Tim Heydinger

Southern Ute Tribal Court

A committee of judges, lawyers, law-enforcement personnel and others has been working for some time on revisions to three titles of the Southern Ute Tribal Code: the Criminal Code (Title 5), the Criminal Procedure Code (Title 4), and the Traffic Code (Title 14).

The proposed revisions are nearly in final form. Once complete, the proposed revisions will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for review and approval.

Significant portions of the proposed revisions are a response to the recently enacted Tribal Law and Order Act. The act, a federal law signed by President Obama earlier this year, gives tribes the power to impose jail time of up to three years for a single criminal offense. Prior to its enactment, the maximum penalty a Tribal Court could impose for a single criminal offense was one year in jail.

Some have voiced concern with the possibility of the Southern Ute Tribal Court sentencing someone to three years in jail. Sentencing

someone to jail for three years is not the correct way to deal with criminal offenders, it is argued. Instead, the focus should be on "restorative justice" — reconnecting the criminal offender to his Native American culture and tradition, and thus reintegrating the offender into his community.

There is a seeming tension between the increased jail sentences permissible under the act, and the concept of restorative justice. The act, however, doesn't necessarily impair a tribe's ability to reconnect an offender with his culture and tradition. Instead, it can increase the chances for an offender to reconnect with his roots.

The restrictive sentencing limitations that applied prior to the act, and that apply under the current version of the Tribal Code, apply to all criminal offense — even serious offenses such as murder or rape. The result of these restricted sentencing limitations was that Native Americans accused of committing serious offenses on Southern Ute Indian Reservation were tried not in Tribal Court, but in federal court.

If convicted, the person faced

the possibility of serving their sentence in federal prison, totally removed from their family and homeland. The notions of reconnecting the Native American offender with their culture and tradition were totally removed from the process.

With the passage of the act, and with the anticipated revisions to the Tribal Code, the net effect should be that more Native Americans are tried in Tribal Court, and not in some federal court. Isn't this the way it should be?

If the person is ultimately convicted, then it will be the Tribal Court, and not some federal court, which will impose the sentence. Restorative justice — reconnecting the offender with their roots, their culture and tradition — will play a role in the sentence. The person will remain in their community.

If jail time is imposed, the person will serve their time in the Southern Ute Detention Center, and not some federal facility far removed from the reservation. The Southern Ute jail offers an incredible range of rehabilitative-type programs and activities, including traditional activities that would never be found in a federal facility.

The Tribal Law and Order Act offers to tribes the chance to exercise more power, and that's a good thing. However, the increased sentencing provisions allowable must be properly applied. Tribes must not put people in jail for longer periods of time just because they can; that would be a mistake and would be contradictory to traditional notions of restorative justice.

Instead, the act should be used as a tool to ensure that more Native Americans are tried in Tribal Court, where their case is heard by Tribal members, and their sentence is handed down by a Tribal Court judge, rather than having their matter tried in a foreign federal system.

# StarWheels

## Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS SCORPIO! This month you rock! Set your sights high. With MARS poised to enter a friendlier sign on the 10th, career goals may take a turn for the better. Put yourself into an optimistic frame of mind. It won't hurt a bit to promote yourself and your abilities. Both MERCURY and VENUS inspire greater financial possibilities now. Job applications and other ventures are best put into motion before the 23rd when MERCURY goes into its backward retrograde dance.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
How lucky can you get! Both VENUS and MERCURY in your sign on the 2nd start the month on an upbeat note. No doubt you'll be sporting a more optimistic outlook. Your independent, adventurous, nature is furthered on the 22nd when the mighty SUN comes rolling into the sign of Sagittarius and sets fire to your craving for sparking new adventures. Bored you won't be this month. A SOLAR ECLIPSE later on the 24th signals a new beginning where relationships are concerned. HAPPY TURKEY DAY SAGGIES!

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)**  
It's not everyday that your fondest hopes and wishes become the main focal point of your chart. Strengthen your efforts and push your personal interests to the front burner. The intense SCORPIO SUN practically insures your accomplishments. There's just one requirement...YOU have to initiate the action. Not that you have any problem doing that. The month is ripe with favorable prospects CAPRICORN. Get into motivation mode, you know what to do.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**  
A deceptive planetary opposition on the 7th may have you re-thinking relationships in a rather confusing manner. It's not a good day to jump to conclusions regarding your close connections. Current planetary positions indicate a positive turn of events regarding work and future aspirations. Aquarians like to know where they are going and how long it will take. With that in mind you might consider the fact that procrastination could slow down your progress or even bring it to a screeching halt.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
The planets promote inspiring possibilities for the Fishes this month. Do what you can to take full advantage of expansive thoughts that may be forthcoming. MERCURY the idea planet links up with VENUS the money planet on the 1st and could promote an improvement in your funds. Their cozy connection only lasts until the 17th. Be flexible and keep an open mind. Your ruling planet NEPTUNE comes out of its dreamy slumber on the 9th and moves forward again. No more fuzzy thinking PISCES. It's time to act.

♈ **ARIES (March 21-April 20)**  
Personal resources and shared money matters might need some of your attention RAMS. Not to worry, MERCURY and VENUS deliver fresh ideas regarding long range financial plans. MARS your power planet loses some of its fight on the 7th when NEPTUNE drains away your energy. Slow down RAMS, take a break and relax a little. On the 10th when motivating MARS moves into the sign of VIRGO, you may not have a lot of leisure time on your hands. Work might pick up considerably. Many positive changes are currently affecting your outlook. Fresh, unique ideas may pop into your mind and you might just be in the right frame of mind to try something new.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**  
A Full Moon in your sign on the 10th may trigger opposing points of view between you, your partner or others in your close circle. Instead of arguing, turn to more productive practices. MARS the action planet charges into the no-nonsense sign of VIRGO on the 10th and stimulates an abundance of creative projects to capture your interest. Remember, beneficial JUPITER is still in TAURUS and imparts a promising outcome to your NOVEMBER intentions. Meanwhile, enjoy your Thanksgiving feast! Knowing you, it will be a sumptuous spread.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
MERCURY your favorite planet starts the month started on a note of confusion. Not to worry Twins, the stand-off with foggy NEPTUNE will only last one day. Be extra vigilant on the 1st regarding major decisions. If possible delay them until the 2nd when your mental vision is seeing more clearly. Later, on the 10th MARS moves into the domestic area of your chart and household "Honey Do's" become a top priority. Make an effort to complete what you can before the 23rd.

♋ **CANCER (June 22-July 22)**  
Brilliant sunshine illuminates the recreation section of your chart this November. More than likely there might be big doings at your house on Turkey Day. Your natural expertise with food and cooking could result in a table full of delicious Thanksgiving dishes to share with the family. The planets indicate Funshine in addition to the Sunshine. On the 10th MARS slips into compatible VIRGO and amplifies your daily activities. Allow yourself extra time to get where you're going, no speeding MOON KIDS.

♌ **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Good news LIONS! ...Impatient, restless, MARS leaves your sign on the 10th and takes up residence in the money zone of your chart. But wait, there's more. On the 7th crazy MARS releases one last parting zinger when it takes a stand opposite NEPTUNE, the idealistic mystifying planet. Finish your work LEO'S, there will still be plenty of chances for fun. Breezy MERCURY and lighthearted VENUS set up camp in the entertainment part of your chart encouraging favorable conditions regarding love, romance, and good times.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)**  
The planetary focus centers around your daily activities and conversations. Now is the time to get your point across regarding important personal or business matters. Schedule meetings, or other events before the 23rd. That is when your personal planet MERCURY begins its backward motion. Concentrate on your ambitions. Successful people do it all the time. Yours is one of the few signs that can stay fixed on the target. Accomplishment is your middle name VIRGO. Patience is helpful when dealing with family.

♎ **LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)**  
Two important sections of your chart come to life this month. Both your personal, and financial matters may need your close attention. SATURN'S ever present influence continues to maintain a watchful eye over your every action. Like a faithful, supportive partner, SATURN acts as a guide helping you to further your goals. The icing on the cake may be a slight improvement in money matters. Savings and investments are always an asset. Pursue more productive methods when managing your funds. It's never too late to learn new techniques.

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### A Screening of the Film: Shout. The story of Domestic Violence

See it. Stop it. On Native Lands  
Tribal and Native Landmarks  
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Ending Violence is 2010's top priority

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**shout.**

Other collaborating agencies:

Our Sisters Keepers, Alternative Horizons, Southern Ute Social Services, SUD Victim Services, and Southern Ute Department of Tribal Education.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Multi-Purpose Building 285 Ute Road (near the softball field)  
Friday, November 4, 2011, 7pm-9pm

An in-depth look at the effects domestic violence has on the many people it touches in everyday life. Follows the story of Sam, who lost his sister as a result of domestic violence, as he discovers the realities of domestic violence through personal interviews with





# Run, bike and swim: Students compete in triathlon



*The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and SunUte Community Center hosted a kids' triathlon on Friday, Oct. 28, to raise funds and awareness for fighting cancer. Students ran, swam and biked around the tribal campus in the brisk morning weather, finishing back at SunUte.*



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## Herrera shoots 6-for-6 in FLC debut

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

With enthusiasm first brewed in a Bobcat jersey, then allowed to simmer during a year of practicing and adjusting to the college game, Ignacio High School grad Alex Herrera hit the NCAA hardwood running.

And hit every shot he took after running into the offenses set by Fort Lewis coach Bob Hofman.

In addition to snaring six rebounds and swatting three enemy shots, the 6-foot-9 Herrera (now a redshirt freshman) canned six attempts from the floor, totaling 12 points in helping his new team reach a total the Cats — still envied by those victimized — did frequently his senior season: a triple-digit total.

Dominating NAIA Division II program Northern New Mexico College (Espanola, N.M.) from buzzer to buzzer, FLC rolled to a 100-68 win on Wednesday, Oct. 26 inside Whalen Gymnasium, aided heavily by another ex-San Juan Basin Leaguer, Telluride’s Mike Matthews, who hit five-of-seven and chipped in 14.

The Skyhawks outrebounded the Eagles 43-22, and shot 69 percent (40 of 58) overall in the game.

Having reached the NCAA Division II Tournament’s Sweet 16 last season, FLC’s 2011-12 opener comes against a Division I opponent many believed should have made the most famous “Big Dance” in sports — then proved it by making the NIT’s Final Four — ending their 2010-11 schedule.

On Friday, Nov. 11, the Hawks battle the Buffaloes at Colorado’s Coors Events/Conference Center in Boulder, with tipoff set for 8 p.m. Seeking his 400th collegiate win, Hofman was a CU assistant coach under Tom Apke from 1981-83, as well as a point guard



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*Former Bobcat big man Alex Herrera launches into the lane against Wiggins during the 2010 Class 2A State Tournament in Pueblo. Herrera recently netted a dozen points in his college debut for Fort Lewis College in the NCAA Division II ranks.*

from 1970-74 under CECC court namesake Russell “Sox” Walseth (who, ironically, was guiding the CU women to a 77-21 record from 1980-83).

FLC’s home opener will come at the Nov. 18-19 George B. Boedecker Classic. The Skyhawks’ first opponent will be Northeastern State (Tahlequah, Okla.) on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern New Mexico (Portales, N.M.) will have tipped the Classic off against the RiverHawks on Friday, Nov. 18 at 5:30; ENMU will then meet

NNMC prior to Fort Lewis’ official Whalen unveilin’.

Northeastern State will have also gauged itself against a NCAA Division I power — Oklahoma Sooners, Nov. 1 in Norman — before facing FLC. But those Hawks probably won’t be intimidated; NSU’s Larry Gipson is one of two head coaches with national titles (NJCAA Division I in 1989 with Miami, Okla.-based Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, NCAA D-II in 2003 with NSU) on different collegiate levels.

## Tigers’ early roar mutes Bobcats

*Four-score gap ends grid season*

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Chastised by a Del Norte assistant for needless horseplay some 80 minutes before kickoff on Friday, Oct. 28, lineman Stone Tighe nearly made perfect amends.

And in Ignacio the Tigers made sure not to repeat whatever resulted from those now-infamous pre-game shenanigans, which preceded a 35-13 loss in Leadville to the non-league Panthers in Week 3.

Though denied an apparent fumble recovery — the officials ruled Ignacio quarterback Adison Jones’ arm was in motion — late in the second quarter, Tighe and team were already sitting on a 20-point cushion, and DNHS bid goodbye to Tighe and seven more seniors with a 46-20 rout of IHS and its eleven.

The visitors’ start couldn’t have been more sizzling. Sophomore Josiah Simmons dropped Jones for a four-yard loss on the game’s first offensive play, Ignacio senior Teagan Overturf lost two more on second down, and Jones threw incomplete to Iaasic Peña on third.

Bobcat senior Alex Peña was summoned to punt, but DN freshman Steven Simpson barged through to swat the ball backwards, and junior Kollin Mellott made a short recovery and stumble into the end zone. Junior Colin Trujillo blew the point-after kick, but — like Tighe — made plenty amends over the next 36:20 of Week 9 clock time.

With 1:16 left in the first quarter Trujillo (13-162, 2 rush TD) capped a nine-play, 66-yard march with a 14-yard run (and successful PAT) on the Tigers’ first full possession; Ignacio’s second series reached the DN 17 before center Christian Knoll’s snap shot past Jones and ended up a 17-yard loss. Two incomplete passes later, the Tigers took over on downs.

Overturf, who eventually ended his two-year Ignacio Football career with a two-game yardage total surpassed by few, or maybe none, in IHS history, had a 68-yard non-scoring run wiped out by penalty in the Bobcats’ next drive, and Peña punted down to the DN 35 with 10:09 left before halftime.

Ignacio stopped Del Norte on downs at the Bobcat 40 after six plays, and Overturf scored three plays later on a 45-yard scamper with 7:51 left. Peña’s PAT failed, and after DN’s Brennan Pacheco took the kickoff back 25 yards to the Tiger 44, quarterback Preston Pacheco — a freshman, like



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

*Ignacio senior wide receiver Xavier Watts is received by family during halftime ceremonies at the Bobcats’ season finale on Friday, Oct. 28. Watts was one of nearly a dozen Cats playing their last game at the high-school level as they faced the Del Norte Tigers at IHS Field.*

Jones — flipped a short screen pass left to Trujillo, who stretched it into a 56-yard TD with 7:30 remaining.

Starting on their own 17 with 7:23 left after the kickoff — losing sophomore Adam Herrera for the bulk of the contest on the play — the Cats went three-and-out and Peña’s punt netted 19 yards out to the 41. From there, Del Norte’s first-year head coach Fuzzy Holmes wasted no time attacking Ignacio’s jugular.

Preston Pacheco threw sideways, almost parallel to the line, to Brennan Pacheco. With multiple defenders closing in, Pacheco then fired downfield and found junior Austin McDonald for the score on first down. Trujillo tacked on the PAT, and with 5:35

left Del Norte had the lead they’d hold into halftime.

A slew of injuries pulled further down the locals’ frowns, as seniors Colton Wyatt, Jeff Herrera, Peña, and Jones’ top target Xavier Watts all were slowed.

Starting linemen Jesse Vigil and Shane Richmond, reserves Sonny Sanchez, Dusty Mangus and Leander Eckiwaudah, as well as sidelined Cuauhtemoc Torres, also played their final red-and-black downs.

Ignacio finished 4-5 overall in 2011, taking fourth in the Southern Peaks Conference at 2-3. Avenging 2010’s blowout loss at Speiser Field, Del Norte also ended 4-5 and took third (3-2) in the SPC.

## SJBL’s best spike Volleycats season

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Maybe the time to beat them passed earlier in the season.

Maybe the time of the matches came too early in the day.

Maybe the time for the Ignacio Volleycats just wasn’t this time.

First facing a streaking Mancos Lady Jays squad, then challenging a top-end Telluride side wasn’t a schedule designed for success gained sleepwalking, and Ignacio High School’s 2011 season came to an end in straight sets at the Class 2A-District 3 Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Dolores.

Junior Michelle Simmons was held to 12 total kills, and senior Rylie Jefferson to 19 assists as the Cats fell to MHS 14-25, 17-25, 13-25. Senior setter Erica Blackburn booked an all-around effort with four kills, ten digs, and 25 assists, while classmate Aimee Johnson inked a 13-kill, 20-dig, 4-total block line.

Freshmen Courtney Colyer and Andie Paschal totaled nine more kills as MHS hit .198 all told in improving to 17-4 overall (including a sweep of Ridgway and four-set win over THS for the title).

Telluride, also advancing to regionals and packing a 20-2 mark, stopped Ignacio by counts of 25-15, 25-15, and 25-20 — indicating the Volleycats’ performance was better, but not enough to spring an upset.

Emily Langley and Emy Ludwig, the Lady Miners’ senior inside-outside duo, combined for 21 kills in the win, with Ludwig also spreading around 23 assists. Libero Sarah Wontrobski totaled 18 digs.

Destinee Lucero, by compari-



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*Ignacio’s Angel Paul retracts a ball back into play against Nucla this season during Volleycat JV action. Ignacio’s junior varsity, under new coach Thad Cano, finished 2011 with a 4-10 overall record, but a much-closer 4-7 mark versus the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League. Their campaign concluded with a four-set loss to Norwood and a three-setter to Dove Creek at a SJBL triangular on Saturday, Oct. 15 at DCHS.*

son, led IHS with a total of seven digs in the losses.

Mancos and THS will represent the San Juan Basin League’s 2A side at the Region C Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Palisade High School, where they will do battle with District 5 winners Meeker and runners-up Rangely. In the 1A ranks, Norwood (20-3) conquered

District 1 and advanced — along with runners-up Vail Christian of Edwards — to Region A, where they will test D-6 champs Mountain Valley (Saguache) and runners-up Sierra Grande (Blanca).

Ignacio ends with a 7-11 overall record, but went 7-6 against the SJBL during the regular season.

## Football Frenzy!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference  
Final standings

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Monte Vista	7	2	.778	5	0	317/107
Sargent	5	4	.555	4	1	181/196
Del Norte	4	5	.444	3	2	214/273
IGNACIO	4	5	.444	2	3	188/256
Dolores	3	6	.333	1	4	138/252
Center	2	7	.222	0	5	129/250

**Week 10 (1A State Tournament, 1st Round – Nov. 5) matchups:**

#10 Ressurrection Christian (Loveland) at #7 Monte Vista; #15 Sargent at #2 Hotchkiss; #14 hayden at #3 Lutheran (Parker); #16 John Mall (Walsenburg) ae #1 Burlington; #13 Peyton at #4 Lyons; #9 Crowley County (Ordway) at #8 Wray; #13 Byers at #5 Akron; #11 Wiggins at #6 Limon.

– compiled by Joel Priest

## The banner bunch



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

*In case you haven’t noticed, there’s a new sheet of red-and-white hanging from the Ignacio High School gymnasium’s rafters. Many of the names have begun their post-IHS lives, but some — including guard Xavier Watts and forward Shane Richmond — can return for one final season of Bobcat Basketball. The first official day of practice is next Friday, 11/11/11!*





# ALP pays tribute to visionaries



Organizers of the Animas-La Plata Project dedicated a "tribute garden" near Lake Nighthorse on Friday, Oct. 21 to honor the many people involved in the effort over the decades. Dignitaries from the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes were invited to attend, as both have played major roles in the development of the project since its inception.

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# Halloween



photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

## They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky

*It seemed impossible to go anywhere in late October without finding pumpkins, black cats, witches and zombies in tow. From the "pumpkin splash" at SunUte Community Center to the costume contest in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, the mystical lure of Halloween beckoned everyone — young and old — to join in for a good old-fashioned Monster Mash.*



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# SUPD hosts frightful carnival



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center was a fun-filled family fright fest complete with a haunted house, kids' games, cake walks and more. Hundreds of community members turned out in their best costumes — some spooky, some goofy — to try their hands (or claws) at the ghoulish games on Saturday, Oct. 29. Many from the youth community helped out by hosting competitions or dressing up like ghouls to startle those brave (or foolish) enough to enter the haunted house. Crystal Thompson, SUPD community resource officer, coordinated the event.



2011  
Southern Ute Thanksgiving  
Dinner, Nov. 19


The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to cordially invite all Southern Ute Tribal members and their families to the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 19. The dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center.

A full traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe encourages all membership to attend and have a safe journey home during the festive holiday season.

Tickets will be available for members and their families through the Public Relations Division beginning Nov. 14.  
**This meal is strictly for tribal members and their respective family members.** For questions regarding the Thanksgiving dinner or to request tickets via the U.S. mail, please call 970-563-0119 or 970-563-0100 Ext. 2251. Handicapped and/or disabled are encourage to contact the Elder Services Division for meal deliveries at 970-563-0156.

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2011 Southern Ute Christmas Dinner & Program  
Dec. 17



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to cordially invite all Southern Ute tribal members and their families to the annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 17. The dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. Tribal Christmas program immediately following the dinner and ending by 7 p.m.

A full traditional Christmas dinner will be served. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe encourages all membership to attend and have a safe journey home during the festive holiday season.

Tickets will be available for members and their families through the Public Relations Division beginning Dec. 2.  
**This meal is strictly for tribal members and their respective family members.** For questions regarding the Christmas dinner or to request tickets via the U.S. mail, please call 970-563-0119 or 970-563-0100 Ext. 2251. Handicapped and/or disabled are encourage to contact the Elder Services Division for meal deliveries at 970-563-0156.

Rolling Thunder Lanes  
**FALL BOWLING IS HERE!**  
Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center!  
at Sky Ute Casino Resort

<b>Monday - Friday</b> all Students bowl for \$2.00 a game and \$1.00 shoes from 11:00-4:00 Also All Seniors with a Young at Heart card get free shoes M-F from 11:00-4:00!	<b>Monday night</b> "Date Night" 6:00-9:00p.m. Dinner for two in the RTG, Steak and Shrimp accompanied with two games and shoes for \$30.00	<b>Tuesday night</b> "Guys Night" \$2.50 a game, (shoes for \$2.50) and with this receipt 25% off any burger on the menu!
<b>Wednesday Night</b> "Ladies Night Out" \$2.50 a game, (shoes for \$2.50) with this receipt 25% off any appetizer or salad on the menu!	<b>Thursday Night</b> "Buddy Night" From 4:00 too 11:00 for every person who buys one game gets the second game free!	<b>Friday and Saturday night</b> "Cosmic Glow Bowl" From 9:30 to close on Friday and on Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to close, under the black lights bowl with the Red Pin and see if you get the chance to Spin the Wheel and win prizes and SO MUCH MORE!
<b>Sunday Practice Special</b> 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. \$10.00 (per person) all you can bowl for up to two hours. Five people maximum a lane and shoes are included.	<b>Saturday and Sunday "Report Card Special"</b> Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 4:00 if you are a student with either a valid Student I.D or a current report card you can get \$2.00 games!! (shoes not included)	

For information call **970-563-1707**  
These prices do not apply to any other discounts or offers!







## Express Your Opinions

### Leadership La Plata thanks

On behalf of all of Leadership La Plata, we want to sincerely thank all those businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the success of the diversity session on Oct. 14.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Lynn Brittner, the executive director at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, as well as Fidelia Silva and Dwight Largie, for their tireless assistance in providing an incredible venue to have our diversity session. We were all extremely impressed with the facility.

We want to thank Mr. Eddie Box Jr. and Mrs. Betty Box for the blessing they performed to begin our session. It truly was a moving experience.

We also want to thank Barbara Cogswell and the Sky Ute Casino Resort for their gracious hosting of a reception after completion of the session.

We appreciate the generosity of Durango Joe's Coffee; Foundation for Protection of Animals; and Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel LLP.

To our moderators, Bill Bolden and Wanda Ellingson, it was an honor to work with you. Special thanks to Angela Atkinson and Tom Mann for sharing their teambuilding and leadership training skills with the class.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to our session sponsor, M3 Midstream, who provided the funding to underwrite costs necessarily incurred for the

program; we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

Many in the community contribute on an ongoing basis to Leadership La Plata, and we know we speak for all LLP class members and graduates when we say thank you for allowing this all-volunteer program to continue. It is a privilege to be part of Leadership La Plata.

*Sincerely,  
Tim Birchard, Wendy Haugen,  
and Charles Spence*

### Health powwow thanks

The Health and Wellness Powwow Planning Committee would like to thank everyone involved in making the 2011 Health and Wellness Powwow another success.

This year, 350 spectators and dancers participated in the event. In addition, four drum groups and 14 vendors were present.

The planning committee for the Health and Wellness Powwow would like to express their appreciation to the SunUte Community Center and Multi-purpose Facility for hosting the event.

Community donations from Ignacio, Durango, Cortez, the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute chairman and Tribal Council members, the Tribal Court, the Growth Fund, and the Sky Ute Casino Resort were helpful in making the event happen.

The planning committee would like to recognize the following volunteers for their efforts: Terry Box,

Nova Burch, Eitta Frost, Blenda Ortiz, Angelo Valdez, Kenai Duran, Joanna Duran, Yolinda Joy, Robin Duffy-Worth, Justin Lupe, Marlena Begay, Mirelle Begay, Brittany Tsosie, Sharon Wing-Baker, Virgil Morgan, Aaron Weaver, Fernessa & Gabriel Richards, Susan Couch, Janay Tsosie, Jessica Rock, Alethea Anthony, Lark Goodtracks, Dana Kopf, Robert Ortiz, Trennie Burch, Barbara Scott-Rarick, John Rarick, Arla Duran, Dale White and Carol Whiteskunk.

Special thanks to the drum groups: 12 Gauge, Catching Eagle, Twinkling Star Eyes, and all other drums that sang for the powwow. Other thanks to the Veterans; Larry Tucker, Howard Richards, Roderick Grove, and Ute Mountain Ute veterans for presenting the color guard.

Additionally, we would like to thank the head staff: emcee John Oberly, Arena Director Bruce LeClaire, Head Gourd Dancer Andrew Frost, Head Man Dancer Dan Jefferson, Head Lady Dancer Tawny Knight, Head Boy Dancer David Boyd, and Head Girl Dancer Brianna Goodtracks-Alires. Final thanks to the Southern Ute Royalty.

We appreciate all who came and celebrated health and wellness. May this event continue to bring awareness for the prevention and treatment of chronic conditions that affect our communities.

*Health and Wellness Powwow  
Planning Committee*

### Community group seeks sites

Skills for Living and Learning has been serving children in the area communities since 1995.

This organization has moved several times to accommodate growth and to be able to serve all children who can benefit from the services offered. These services include a preschool developmental play group, after-school services, a summer program, and a Kindergarten-through-third-grade alternative school, Piedra Learning Community.

Staffed by certified teachers, occupational therapists and speech/language support and other qualified personnel who provide quality, state-of-the-art services, Skills for Living and Learning continues to grow and develop.

The governing board of directors for Skills for Living and Learning has been searching to find accommodations for these programs in the Ignacio community. Several sites have been visited, but none are large enough to house all of the services offered.

Because so much of our support comes from the Ignacio Schools, the Southern Ute Tribe and community members and approximately half of the children we have served are from the Ignacio area, it makes sense for us to locate there. If someone in the Ignacio area knows of a site that may be suitable, please contact us by visiting our website, [www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org](http://www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org).

Thank you from the children, families and staff of Skills for Living and Learning and the Piedra Learning Community.

*Susan Livingston, director*

### Candidate Borst letter

Mikque Nuche,

My name is Margie Chavez Borst, the daughter of the late Ollie Shuta Chavez and Mary Bent Box Chavez. I am from the Mouach Caputa band on my mother's side and Turkey and Corn clan on my father's side.

Every one of us here has a responsibility to our tribe. For parents, it is the care of our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the care for our parents and grandparents. Also our aunts and uncles.

For council members, it is our special relationship to build trust, confidence and the responsibility to be the decision maker, the protector and a leader for every 1,480 members of this tribe, from newborn infants to our elderly.

Tribal Council has many issues that demand our attention and that is why each of us has to adhere to the oath. I am there for you. I am dependable, a hard worker, committed, devoted and loyal.

Growing up was not easy in the '50s. We did not have money — no per capita. Mom sewed most of our

clothes, cooked some interesting meals, and sold "Studio Girl" cosmetics. She was always doing some interesting things. She had faith.

Dad was a farmer and rancher, and he believed in hard work. I always wanted to be just like Dad and would put his boots on and stomp around. Knowing my dad was a runner, I asked him what it was like for him to go long distances. He said "All you do is put one foot in front of the other and keep going."

Running takes discipline, and I am a runner.

Both said you need to listen and see what is going on around you. I have always kept those principles in mind. Today, there are many of you asking and demanding change in our government. I totally agree with you.

I support the start of listening sessions — just as the United States government has incorporated tribal consultation sessions — to improve communication as well as have a better understanding of tribal government and getting your needs met.

I imagine from your perspective, things could be quite challenging, scary, and maybe even a little confusing. If you want a leader who will be there for you, I am the one to vote for.

I have served for three years and have devoted myself in dealing with a number of complex issues.

I have supported the Healthy Warriors project and there are those that have lost weight and improved their overall health. I will continue to support that program, as well as the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.

Our health is very important. But it takes every one of us to help each other. Having good health is our birthright. But if we don't have the accessibility, accountability and trust in the clinic, we need to step up to voice our opinions for a change.

Shout out to our Southern Ute veterans, who say they want our Indian Health Service to have more availability to health care here in Ignacio so they don't have to travel far. I am working on that.

Finally, after many years of trying to get the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, it is a reality. Thanks to McKean Walton for stepping up, but I made it a point to make sure it was up and running.

Our youth are the seeds and we need to nourish them, tend to them like they are our precious plants. I thank those council members who had the initiative to create such a group. But today it is a reality.

People have stopped me and said, "Marge, what are we going to do about this or that?" Employment is always on top. Tribal Council has been dealing with the employment issue, and we

have contracted with Davis Innovations to review, analyze, and assess the hiring policy regarding the employment of tribal members.

I propose to champion new training and development programs for tribal members so they increase their job marketability and prepare graduates to enter the workforce by internships followed by secured employment by the tribe.

Another area is financial security. Whether it is for the whole tribe or our personal financial security, first we need to offer innovative financial education programs so that our families are able to be financially stable and credit-worthy, so that we move toward financial empowerment.

Secondly, financial security is a top priority for Tribal Council, and we understand the volatility in the financial markets and how they can affect the government. Tribal Council is informed daily and weekly by reviews of the investment reports; we have consultants that discuss the performance.

Tribal Chairman Pearl Casias recently wrote in an investment update that the council is comfortable with the current allocation and the performance of the investment portfolio, and we remain confident that the future goals and objectives of the Permanent Fund will continue to be fulfilled. But that is where you step in with focus groups. If you are concerned, please step forward to discuss your concerns.

Loren Gresham said "True leadership must be for the benefit of the people, not the enrichment of the institution."

The vision for change is now and in the coming years. I will look for things that we are doing well and expand them. I will look for things where we are not doing well and find ways to improve the efficiency of our tribal government. Yes, we need more efficiency and accountability in our tribe.

I am one of you. I came from a modest background, worked hard, and over the years I have traveled to several countries and throughout the United States. I have lived in Connecticut, Maryland and New York, and I have always felt in my heart and have thought in my mind that our nation is a great nation.

I know most of you personally, and I see each of you as an integral member of our nation. I honor and respect each of you. You are important to me, and that is why it is so critical for you to vote this Friday.

I want to thank you for all your support. I truly appreciate your interest and concern for our nation's future and look forward to continue serving you in the years to come. I am trustworthy and dependable. Together, there are great things we can do. Let's go for it.

*Marge Borst*

## Obituaries



**CUTHAIR** – Delbert W. Cuthair, Sr., passed on to the spirit world October 24, 2011. He passed on from natural causes, surrounded by his family at his home in Ignacio, Colo.

Delbert was born April 15, 1951, in Ignacio. In 1970 he graduated from Ignacio High School, where he played basketball, football, and baseball. His friends used to call him "the rabbit," because he was so fast. After high school, he worked with the tribe performing numerous jobs, including grounds maintenance, animal control, and managing Lake Capote. His most favorite job was taking care of the buffalo.

Delbert enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. Most of all, he loved to visit with his children and grandchildren — his grandchildren were his world. He also enjoyed his Sunday morning breakfasts at the casino with his family.

He is preceded in death by his great-granddaughter Gemini L. Chavez Cloud; his mother, Belle Cuthair; father, Curtis Cuthair; brothers Lavern Cuthair, Carl Williams, Sr., and Richard Cuthair; and sisters Darlene Garcia, Christine Gomez, and Vera Sage.

He is survived by his children Delbert (Renae) Cuthair, Jr., Bernadine (Braulio) Cuthair, and Maria (Anthony) Archuleta; best friend, Veronica Silva; brother Danny (Sally) Bean; sister Garnet Olguin; goddaughter Joyce Vigil; and stepchildren Diedra Contreras, Jeremiah (Cass) Montoya and Sammy Montoya; all of Ignacio. Delbert leaves behind 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his birth mother, Arabella Williams, of Durango.

A viewing was held Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at Hood Mortuary Chapel. A memorial service took place Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at the Southern Ute Chapel in Ignacio, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Davita Dialysis in memory of Delbert W. Cuthair, Sr.



**SEWARD** – Allen Seward, 87, passed into the presence of the Lord on Oct. 19, 2011. He died from complications related to pneumonia. Services to celebrate his life were held in Whittier, CA and he was laid to rest beside his wife Tula in Albertville, Alabama.

Allen was born in Abilene, Texas on Aug. 24, 1924. He grew up in Oklahoma City and Illinois. He worked as a "rough necker" in the oil fields of Wyoming and Oklahoma but soon made a decision to go into full time ministry of the gospel. While in seminary he worked as the music and educational director at a Baptist church in Louisiana. There, during a mission's conference, he met a young missionary, named Tula Robinson. After a year of corresponding, the couple married on July 20, 1954, in Tula's hometown of Albertville, Alabama. They began their missionary work together in Roanoke, Virginia at an inner city mission. In 1964, Allen and Tula accepted a call from the

North American Mission Board to minister with the Southern Ute Indians in Ignacio, Colorado. They were blessed with 3 children born in Alabama and Virginia.

The family moved to the beautiful La Plata area in July 1964. Allen and Tula worked with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indians for 15 years. The family lived in Ignacio and Allen and Tula led an active mission with church services every week, weekly Bible classes for the children, Vacation Bible School and Bible camps in the summer and visiting tribal members in hospitals. Allen could be seen driving the green "carryall" wagon to pick up people for church all over the reservation. Allen loved the Ute people and wanted them to have good safe homes. He volunteered for the Southern Ute Housing Authority for several years and went along with inspectors to make sure the homes were built with proper materials. Allen loved to visit people and enjoyed stopping at the local cafes for a cup of coffee and a chat with friends. People will remember "Brother Seward" for his big broad smile and always sharing the love of Jesus with people he met.

Brother Allen and Tula later moved to New Mexico where they worked with other native people in the Gallup area until 1989 when they retired and moved to Southern California to be near their daughters. After his dear wife Tula passed in 2009, Allen lived with his daughters in Whittier, CA and continued to enjoy reading his daily devotions, taking walks, and visiting with people over a cup of coffee. Wherever he went he shared his faith in Jesus and encouraged people with a word of scripture, prayer or maybe just a big cheerful smile.

Allen is survived by his children Curtis and Roxane Seward of Utah, Alicia Seward and Catricia Seward of Whittier, CA. Grandchildren Chris Seward, Jammie Johnson and Teresa Hayes and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother and sisters – in law, Lewis, Betty and Doris Robinson and many nieces and nephews in the Albertville area.

Well Done, good and faithful servant. Come and share your master's happiness! Matt. 25: 21

Condolences can be expressed at [www.rishermortuary.com](http://www.rishermortuary.com) or the family address Seward's, 5445 Adele Ave. Whittier, CA 90601. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the North American Mission Board at the website [www.namb.org](http://www.namb.org)

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Call for applicants for appointment

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
STATE OF COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, through the Tribe's Environmental Programs Division, is seeking applications from interested individuals for appointment to fill one vacancy on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. The Commission was created in December 1999, when the Tribe entered into an agreement with the State of Colorado for the protection of air quality on the Reservation. As part of the agreement, a joint commission was created composed of six members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor and three of whom are appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. The responsibilities of the Commission include adopting air quality standards, promulgating rules and regulations, and reviewing appealable administrative actions pertaining to the Reservation Air Program. The Commission meetings are held approximately every 2-3 months. To review the

Commission's current activities, please go to the following website: <http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/air-quality/environmental-commission>  
QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have some knowledge, experience, education, or interest in air quality or environmental protection.  
LOCATION: Environmental Programs Division Offices, 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Colorado.  
CLOSING DATE: December 1, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.  
WHO MAY APPLY: Interested individuals  
TO APPLY: Interested tribal members or individuals should submit a letter of interest and resume no later than December 1, 2011 to: Environmental Programs Division, Attention: Brenda Jarrell, P.O. Box 737 MS #84, Ignacio, CO 81137. Fax: (970) 563-0384; E-mail: [bjarrell@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:bjarrell@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
For additional information, contact Brenda Jarrell, Southern Ute Air Quality Program, 970-563-4705, extension 2246.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Wishes

We just want to send a belated birthday wish to Mariah Thompson, who turned 20 on the 3rd of October. One more year and you will be the big 21!! Yikes! To Jawadin Corona whose birthday was the 31st of October, and to Christian Thompson who will also be 20 on November 7, 2011. Hope you enjoyed your birthdays and will have lots and lots more.

Love you all,  
The Thompson's



Dermarr

Happy birthday! Have a great birthday. This is a digit for you. 11/11/11 and you're turning eleven. Hope all your dreams come true. Enjoy your day.

Love you so much,  
Mon, Stais and  
Autumn-Bahozho

Autumn-Bahozho

Our little girl is growing up. Finally you are four years old. Happy birthday Pink Sugar.

Love you so much,  
Mom, Stais and Dermarr

Happy belated birthday to  
Kieley and Olesia

We love you and hope you two had an amazing birthday. We love you.

Auntie Maria, Jaelyn  
and Keyon

Lucky elevens

Happy birthday to Dermarr Harlan! On Nov. 11 (11/11/11), he will turn 11 years old — a once-in-a-lifetime birthday!

Happy "18th" Birthday  
to Kelsey Frost  
on October 24,  
your family loves you a lot.

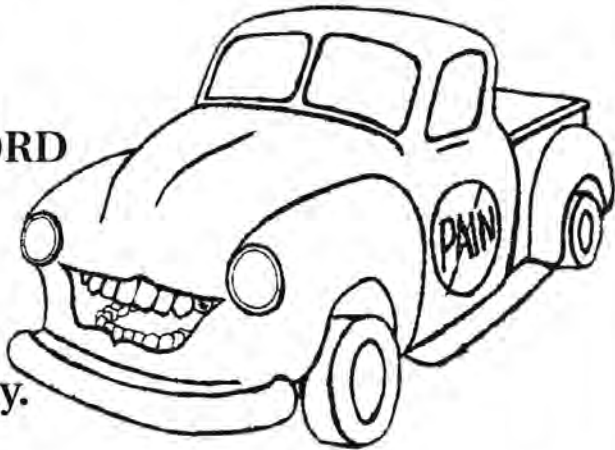
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**Wood Smoke and Your Health**

Small particles and pollutants in wood smoke can trigger asthma attacks. Wood smoke has also been linked to heart attacks in people with heart disease.

Even occasional exposure to wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

**FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD**

**STEP 1 SPLIT**

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Split small pieces for kindling

**STEP 2 STACK**

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground. Stack it on rails
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down

**STEP 3 COVER**

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood - don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack

**STEP 4 STORE**

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Cracked ends on the wood typically means it is dry enough to burn

**Is your wood dry? Take the moisture meter test.**

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that allow you to test the moisture level in wood are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. Dry wood creates a hotter fire. Hotter fires save wood - ultimately saving you time and money.

**WET WOOD IS A WASTE**

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The Johnson O'Malley Committee has one (1) vacancy  
Eligible and interested parents are urged to submit a letter of intent to the JOM Committee.

Eligibility requirements: Must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield school district; Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe with a certificate of Indian blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descendency; 18 years of age or older; Commit to a two-year term. Interested parties please contact Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793 or email [Ellen at esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:Ellen at esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us).

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**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-120  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Sevena Bean Maez, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Sevena Bean Havens filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Sevena Bean Maez. As of October 3, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Sevena Bean Havens name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Sevena Bean Maez.  
**Dated this 12th day of October, 2011.**  
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2011-NC-121  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Andrew Thomas Maez, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Andrew Thomas Havens filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andrew Christopher Maez. As of October 3, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Andrew Thomas Havens name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Andrew Christopher Maez.  
**Dated this 13th day of October, 2011.**  
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-0123-CV-PR  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Byron Red Sr., Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 13th of October, 2011**  
KELLY HERRERA, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-PR-117  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Paul Whiskers Dutchie III, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 7, 2011 at 9:00

AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 14th of October, 2011**  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-0142-CV-PR  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Ronald Frost, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 29, 2011 at 2:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 14th of October, 2011**  
KELLY HERRERA, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 11-PR-143  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Bryan Rock Jr., Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on December 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 21st of October, 2011**  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk





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November 4, 2011



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Closes 11/9/11 – Red Cedar Gathering Co. Durango, CO. Operating and maintaining the field compressor stations and associated equipment safely and efficiently.

**Safety & Health Specialist III**  
Closes 11/16/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks.

**SUGF Management Committee Member**  
Closes 11/18/11  
Ignacio, CO. Executing the mission and purpose and achieving the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as approved by Tribal Council Resolution and must attend four meetings a month during regular business hours.

**PeopleSoft SQL Server Database Administrator**  
Closes 11/18/11 – SU Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. PeopleSoft HCM/FSCM databases in the production and development infrastructure, including administration and support of SQL Server 2008 SP2 databases, BEA WebLogic, BEA Tuxedo, PeopleSoft Process Schedulers and Integration Broker components.

**PeopleSoft Senior FSCM Developer**  
Closes 11/18/11 – SU Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft FSCM applications, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer**  
Closes 11/18/11 – SU Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer**  
Closes 11/18/11 – SU Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

## Southern Ute Tribal Member youth needed for Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held locally several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

## KSUT - PUBLIC RADIO Board of Directors vacancy

KSUT is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every other month, with additional special meetings as needed. Deadline for letters is Nov. 7, 2011.

## KSUT - Public Radio

KSUT Offices: 970-563-0255 • P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137  
Send cover letter and resume to [radiohr77@yahoo.com](mailto:radiohr77@yahoo.com) • KSUT online: [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org)  
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### Campaign Manager

Contract capital campaign manager needed for public broadcasting project in Four Corners area. The successful candidate should have 7 – 10 years of fundraising experience with a track record of success, with specific experience in managing capital campaigns/major gifts. Campaign Manager's location and time involved are flexible. PREFERENCE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICANS; ALL APPLICANTS WELCOME. Send cover letter and resume to [rob@ksut.org](mailto:rob@ksut.org) by November 8, 2011.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

**Bingo**  
Bingo Staff – PT w/Ben, 11/07/2011  
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Beverage/Cocktail Server – FT, 11/07/2011  
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Administrative Assistant – FT, 11/04/2011  
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**Property Shift**  
Property Shift Manager – TMP, 11/04/2011

**Salon**  
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**Slots**  
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Poker Dealer – FT, Open Until Filled  
Craps Dealer – FT, 11/11/2011  
Craps Pit Boss – FT, 11/04/2011

*Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.  
FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp*

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs) or at the Human Resources Department  
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Custodian**  
Closes 11/9/11 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay Grade 12.

**Grounds Maintenance Laborer**  
Closes 11/9/11 – Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay Grade 13.

**Receptionist/Mail Clerk**  
Closes 11/9/11 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay Grade 13

**HVAC Building Maintenance Technician**  
Closes 11/10/11 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, Building Automated System controls, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings. Pay Grade 19.

**Supervisory Clinical Nurse**  
Closes 11/10/11 – This is a Nursing Management

position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center nursing programs to ensure that effective nursing services are provided and quality standards are met. This position is a grade 23.

**Air Quality Technical Manager**  
Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay Grade 23.

**Air Quality Compliance Specialist**  
Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay Grade 18.

**Elementary Teacher – SUIMA**  
Open until filled – The Elementary Guide is a professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), an infant through 6th grade private school. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. This position is responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

## BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: [www.bp.com/epcareers](http://www.bp.com/epcareers).  
Click on the “View Jobs” under the “Operations” category or click “Submit Resume/CV” and then click “Search Openings” and type in Req ID #.

**BP is seeking: Construction Specialist – Durango #27313BR**  
BP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

## SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., PO Box 800 Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517 • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

**Sub. Bus Driver, P/T (Must have current CDL), Teacher (FT)**  
Open until filled – Ignacio Head Start/SUCAP. Must pass background checks. Call 563-4566 for more info.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

## Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC)

**Director** – Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC). The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB) Inc. seeks qualified candidates for the position of Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC). The Director is responsible for the administration and management of AASTEC program activities. Master's in Public Health or a Master's degree in a similar related degree program with concentration in epidemiology is required. Demonstrated experience overseeing all aspects of scientific research including statistical study design, data collection, data analysis to meet project objectives and preparation of reports and manuscripts. Knowledge of statistical software. Extensive grant writing experience with history of securing grant funding. Strong oral and written communication skills. Experience working with tribes in the Southwest. For detailed requirements go to [www.aaihb.org](http://www.aaihb.org). To apply, email cover letter, current resume, salary history and five professional references to [mkenney@aaihb.org](mailto:mkenney@aaihb.org) or mail to Marianna Kennedy, Interim AASTEC Director, AAIHB, 5015 Prospect Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

**Staff Epidemiologist** – Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC). This position reports to the Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center located within the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. The Epidemiologist's primary responsibility is to provide a wide range of epidemiologic assistance to AASTEC. This will include design, implementation and evaluation of the core epidemiologic functions such as surveillance, study design, and disease investigation. Applicant must have a minimum of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in Epidemiology with two years of experience epidemiologic investigation and analysis. Send CV/Resume, three professional references, salary history and cover letter to [mkenney@aaihb.org](mailto:mkenney@aaihb.org) or by regular mail to: Marianna Kennedy, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc., 5015 Prospect Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

# Community Business Section



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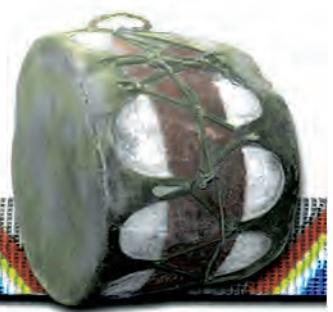
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November 4, 2011

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POWWOW



# Powwow

for health & wellness



The annual Health and Wellness Powwow drew hundreds of Ignacio community members to the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 22 for gourd dancing, a feast and a grand entry. Earlier in the day, SunUte trainers sponsored a fitness walk.

**Health and Wellness Powwow raffle winners**  
**Elk Raffle:** Tammi Phillips, Bayfield, Colo. and Terry Penders, Bayfield, Colo.  
**The I-Pad:** Karen Gilbert, Southern Ute Employee  
Congratulations to the winners! Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Your donations and participation helped to make this event a success!

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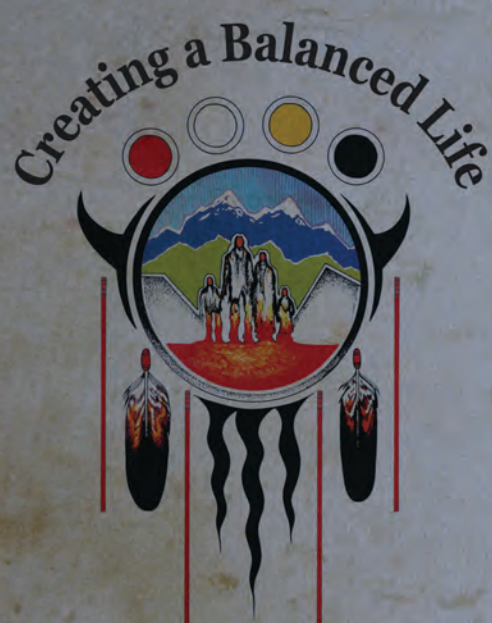
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## Health and Wellness Powwow



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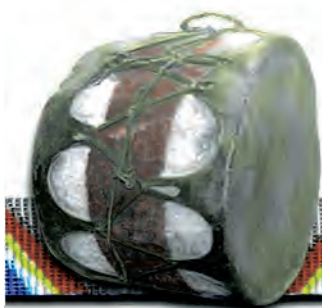
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# NCAI hosts 68th conference in Portland

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

Under the title “Footprints into the future: Our shared journey toward tribal prosperity,” the 68th annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indian opened its doors in Portland on Monday, Oct. 31.

Tribal leaders from across Indian Country convened in Portland’s downtown convention center to discuss annual business and hold their membership elections.

Opening ceremonies filled the halls, representing a multitude of tribal nations. For many, their respective veterans carried their flags. Southern Ute veterans Roderick Grove and Ronnie Baker represented the Southern Ute people.

Dancers, elders, dignitaries and drummers filled the convention hall leading up to the opening remarks.

“It always brings a renewed sense of pride” when the congress comes together, said President Jefferson Keel said.

U.S. Representative Jay Enslee, D-Wash., was among the opening day’s speakers.

“The price of sovereignty is eternal diligence,” he began. “It



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*Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, welcomes attendees to the 68th annual convention in Portland. Hundreds of tribes from across North America were represented, including the Southern Utes.*

is important that the federal government does not target tribal budgets as they look to cut the national debt.”

During the executive director’s report, Jacqueline Johnson Pata said the congress today enjoys unprecedented access to the administration.

Internet gaming, health care, and violence against women were among the many topics of discussion on this first day of the leadership conference.

“We have lessons of resilience. As Indian nations and sovereign people, we will not back down from our responsibilities,” Keel said in his opening address. “We are working in challenging times, but ones that offer promise. ... As we engage these challenges & opportunities this week, let us work together.”



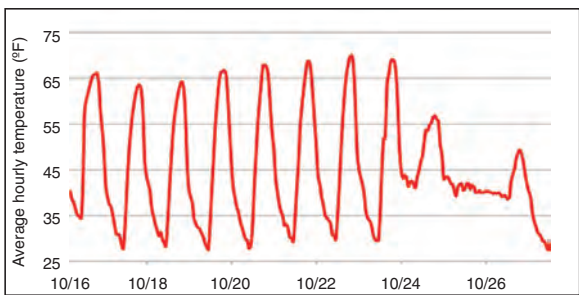
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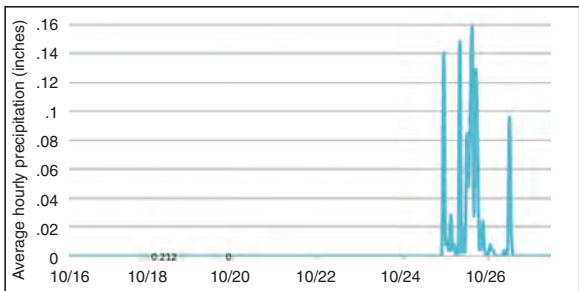


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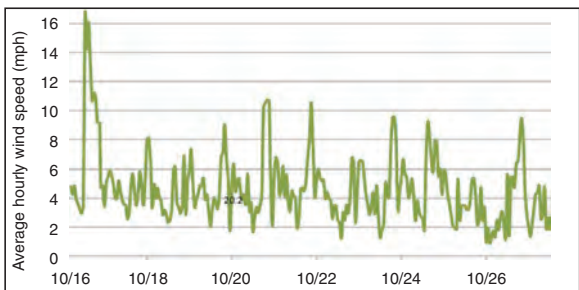
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High	70.0°F
Low	27.5°F
Average	44.9°F
Average last year	43.8°F



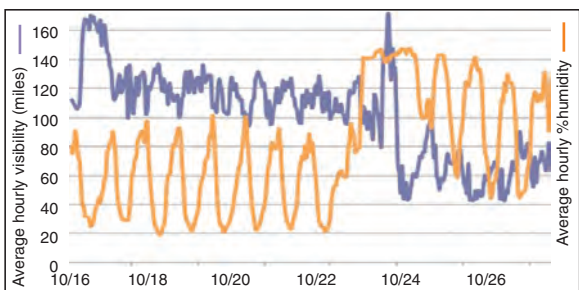
#### Precipitation

Total	1.18 inches
Total last year	.98 inches



#### Wind speed

Average	4.7 mph
Minimum	0.9 mph
Maximum	16.6 mph



#### Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility	101.8 miles
Avg. humidity	52.0%

**Air quality**  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov